

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, TU  
SUBJ: ARMENIAN GROUP TAKES CREDIT FOR ISTANBUL BOMBINGS

REF: A) ISTANBUL 1809, B) ANKARA 1479 (NOTAL)

1. MILLIYET MAY 31 REPORTED THAT THE "WI MAY ARMENIAN ORGANIZATION" CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBINGS AT THE ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TRAIN STATION MAY 29 (REF ALM MILLIYET SAID A FRENCH-SPEAKING INDIVIDUAL CALLED THE ATHENS OFFICE OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE AND READ A STATEMENT JUSTIFYING BOMBINGS AS RETALIATION FOR PAST TURKISH ATROCITIES AGAINST ARMENIANS. JUNE 1 MILLIYET AND GUNAYDIN HIGHLIGHTED FACT THAT CALL WAS MADE TO ATHENS OFFICE OF AFP, AND GUNAYDIN COMMENTED THAT THE GREEK PRESS AND POLITICAL PARTIES ARE GCVING SUPPORT TO ARMENIAN GROUPS WHICH ARE SEEKING TO DISMEMBER TURKEY.

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2. BY CONTRAST, CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN MAY 31 SAID THAT THE TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE PLANNED 17 MONTHS AGO IN BERLIN AT A "TURKISH SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" MEETING. ONE RESULT OF THAT MEETING WAS ALLEGEDLY A DECISION THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION IN TURKEY WAS THROUGH THE ELECTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP). JUNE 1 PRESS REPORTS RPP HEAD ECEVIT REACTED ANGRILY TO THIS

ATTEMPT TO SMEAR HIS PARTY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
TERRORIST INCIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: TIMING AND LOCATION (END OF BUSY HOLIDAY WEEKEND  
AT MAJOR TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS) OF ISTANBUL INCIDENTS LEDN  
CREDENCE TO ALLEGED ARMENIAN CLAIM OF RESPONSIBILITY. AS  
NOTED REF B, " ARMENIAN SECRET LIBERATION ORGANIZATION" WARNED  
THAT IT WOULD WAGE TERRORIST WAR ON TURKEY BEGINNING  
APRIL 10, 1977, BY ATTACKING OR SABOTAGING TURKISH DIPLOMATS  
AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.  
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